



U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Office of Enforcement Operations

Washington, D.C. 20530

VIA Electronic Mail

August 13, 2019

Mr. Anthony Roberts

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Request No. CRM- 300624235

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated September 27, 2017, and received in this Office on September 28, 2017, for records concerning Operation Choke Point.

Please be advised that Criminal Division personnel searched the section most likely to maintain records and no responsive records subject to the FOIA were located.

Please be advised that this Office only processes records maintained by the Criminal Division. After carefully reviewing your request, I have determined that you are seeking records maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice – Civil Division. If you have not done so already, you may wish to submit a request to that agency at the following address:

FOIA, Records, and E-Discovery Office
Civil Division
Department of Justice
Room 8314
1100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20530
Civil.routing.FOIA@usdoj.gov

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the (202) 616-0307 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at

ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Marchand Jones".

Amanda Marchand Jones
Chief
FOIA/PA Unit